

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, July 12, 2020 | 5th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 4 – Martyrs Proclus and Hilary of Ancyra (2nd c.)

Venerable Michael of Maleinus (962)

Martyr Golinduc, in Baptism Mary, of Persia (591)

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Weekly Schedule

Pennsylvania has moved to the **GREEN PHASE** for our county. However, the City of Philadelphia is still in a “Modified Restricted Green Phase”. What this means for the parish is that it can host up to 50 parishioners for the liturgical services and those parishioners who wish to attend services may choose to. Please remember the parish’s six feet social distancing guidelines, wear a mask, and respect each other’s surroundings and boundaries.

Tuesday: July 14 - Bible Study at 6:30PM in the church basement.

Saturday: July 18 - Great Vespers at **4:00PM!**

Sunday: July 19 – Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the
First Six Ecumenical Councils

Reading of Hours – 9:30am

Divine Liturgy – 10:00am

Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 4)

When the women disciples of the Lord / learned from the angel the joyous message of thy Resurrection, / they cast away the ancestral curse / and elatedly told the apostles: / “Death is overthrown! / Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!”

Troparion (Tone 8 – Venerable Michael)

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O Father, / for thou didst take up the Cross and follow Christ. / By so doing, thou taughtest us to disregard the flesh for it passes away; / but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal. // Therefore thy spirit, O holy Father Michael, rejoices with the angels.

Troparion (Tone 4 – Venerable Proclus and Hilary)

Thy holy martyrs Proclus and Hilary, O Lord, / through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God. / For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries, / and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. // Through their intercessions, save our souls!

Kontakion (Tone 4)

My Savior and Redeemer / as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. / He has shattered the gates of hell, / and as Master, // He has risen on the third day!

Kontakion (Tone 4 – Proclus and Hilary)

Like the morning star, / your glorious sufferings enlighten us with holy miracles. / We celebrate your memory, O Proclus and Hilary; / pray to Christ our God for us // that He will save our souls!

Kontakion (Tone 2 – Venerable Michael)

By thy deeds thou didst wither the arrogance of the flesh; / and through enlightenment thou gavest wings to thine agility of spirit. / Thou wast revealed as a dwelling-place of the Trinity, / Whom now thou dost clearly behold. // O blessed Michael, unceasingly pray for us all!

Prokeimenon (Tone 4)

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works / in wisdom hast Thou made them all!
v. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!

Epistle Reading: Romans 10:1-10

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 4)

- v. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity. Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 8:28-9:1

When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water. Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region. So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest! Alleluia (3x's)

“Be the first to arrive at church for services and the last to leave, especially for the Divine Liturgy.”

St Symeon the Studite (also called Symeon the Pious; +1021)

Announcements

A Warm Welcome to all of our visitors & guests who worshiped with us today and who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us in the church basement for our Fellowship and Coffee Hour.

Announcements

We would like to wish Deacon Michael McCartney a happy one-year anniversary (July 14) on his ordination to the Holy Diaconate. May God Grant You Many Happy, Healthy, Blessed Years!

We would like to wish Subdeacon Daniel (Kenneth) Kavalkovich a happy one-year anniversary (July 14) on his ordination to Subdeacon. May God Grant You Many Happy, Healthy, Blessed Years!

Now that the Fourth of July has passed, it is time for the next great American event...

“Getting ready to go Back to School” (let’s hope so)

With this in mind, the parish is looking to put together ten backpacks this year. The parish has already received donations of the ten backpacks themselves. It is the school supplies that we are looking for donations. A list of items will be made available shortly for those who wish to donate to this annual parish project. For more information, please see one of the Parish Council members or Matushka Janine McCartney. Thank You!

AMAZON SMILE!

When ordering online on Amazon.com, please make sure to click on Amazon Smile and select our church - Assumption of the Holy Virgin Russian Orthodox Church - to have a small percentage of your purchases (0.5%) to be contributed to our church. For more information on the Amazon purchase process, please speak with any member of the parish council. Thank You!

Wool Donations:

The Parish is now accepting either actual donations of wool or monetary donations to purchase wool to knit blankets and hats. Please see Dr. Janine McCartney for more details on this project!

A few have inquired why the parish spent over \$23,000 during the month of June (according to the financial figures in last week’s bulletin). Well, as you can see in this week’s bulletin, the June month expenditures have increase to over \$32,000.

The reason for this large spending is quite simple. If you read the June 7 bulletin or listen to Father Mark at the end of Liturgy over the past five Sundays, you will know work on our church roof began on June 8 and the parish needs to pay the contractor for materials and supplies which in June cost the parish \$27,058.50.

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Albert Kavalkovich offered by is lovely wife Catherine Kavalkovich
Albert Kavalkovich offered by Nina Patterson

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 7/5/20:

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Please remember in your prayers:

- + Newly Departed servant of God Albert Kavalkovich
(Tuesday, July 7). May His Memory Be Eternal
- + Newly Departed handmaiden of God Mary Popelak
(Monday, July 6). May Her Memory Be Eternal

Catherine Kavalkovich, her children Ronald and Lorraine Kavalkovich, Barbara and Norman Andrews, Subdeacon Daniel (Ken) and Debbie Kavalkovich, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The Brown Family; Grace Corba; Emily Gerasimoff (rehab after surgery); Protodeacon Joseph Edwards; The Gerty Family; Sandra Hourahan (recovery from surgery); Ronald Kavalkovich (continuous recovery); Jane Kelly (recovery); Sheba Patton (recovery); Heather Parsells and her unborn child; Father John Bohush (retired); and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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Announcements (cont.)

Please ensure that your Mobile Phone is set to Silent (or at least set on vibrate) during the Divine Liturgy! Thank You!!!

*******Special weekly collections taken after Gospel or Sermon*******

In addition to our general collection, the parish takes a special collection each week to fund certain parish projects. Please be generous with your offering. Every little bit counts. The special collections are as follows:

- First Sunday of every month – Kitchen Fund Project
- Second Sunday of every month – Youth Fund
- Third Sunday of every month - Restoration/Maintenance Fund
- Fourth Sunday of every month – Charity Giving

Note: if there is a Fifth Sunday during a month, the special collection is earmarked for the Kitchen Fund Project, unless otherwise noted and stated by the Parish Council.

Cash Flow Activity (June/July)

Week of Sun Jun 28 to Sat Jul 4

June Month (Unaudited)

Attendance:	35	26 (average)
<i>(COVID19 Pandemic Limitations on gathering of groups of no more than 50 people)</i>		
Funds In:	\$ 1,373.27	\$10,203.11
Funds Out:	\$10,679.22	\$32,323.63
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$ 9,305.95)	(\$22,120.52)

Thank you all for your continuous offerings to maintain the parish!

Shop Rite Gift Cards: If you need to purchase Shop Rite Gift Cards, please see either David Pellack or Ken Kavalkovich to secure them. Your purchase of a Shop Rite Gift Card is an additional fundraising project that helps support the church at no additional expense to the purchaser.

Calendar of Events

- 1st Sunday of each month** – Monthly Panikhida immediately after Divine Liturgy.
- 2nd Tuesday of each month** – Bible Study at 6:30pm in church basement.
- 2nd Sunday of each month** – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy.
- 3rd Sunday of each month** – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.
- 4th Sunday of each month** – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.
- 5th Sunday of each quarter** – Quarterly Parish Council Meeting after Liturgy.

Readers Schedule:

	Today (Jul 12)	Next Week (Jul 19)
3rd Hour :	Mark Klus	Lena Helen
6th Hour:	David Pellack	John Spack
Epistle:	Michael Spack	Mark Klus & David Pellack

Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

Today (Jul 12): Saint Elizabeth - New Martyr (Emily Gerasimoff and Sandra Hourahan).

Next Week (Jul 19): Saint John Kochurov (Daria and Rick LeRoy, Michael Wanenchak).

(NOTE: Last Sunday, the parish resumed the Fellowship Coffee Hour in its normal fashion and continued with the Teams where we let off back on Sunday, March 22.

Service Schedule at our Parish (Month of July)

Please continue to check our parish website, social media pages, and your emails regularly for updated information on the parish regarding parish services in July.

Bible Study – Tuesday, July 14 at 6:30pm in the church basement.

[Please note that Social Distancing Guidelines will be in effect. Also, there has been no definite decision as of the printing of this bulletin whether or not the Bible Study class will be Zoomed!]



Martyrs Proclus and Hilary of Ancyra [July 12th]

The Holy Martyrs Proclus and Hilarion were natives of the village of Kallippi, near Ancyra, and they suffered during the time of a persecution under the emperor Trajan (98-117). Saint Proclus was put under arrest first. Brought before the governor Maximus, he fearlessly confessed his faith in Christ. The governor decided to compel the saint to submit himself to the emperor and offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. During his tortures, the martyr predicted to Maximus that soon he himself would be compelled to confess Christ as the true God. They forced the martyr to run after the chariot of the governor, heading towards the village Kallippi.

Exhausted, Saint Proclus prayed that the Lord would halt the chariot. By the power of God the chariot halted, and no force could move it from the spot. The dignitary sitting in it became petrified. The martyr told him that he would remain unmoving until such time as he would sign a document with a confession of Christ. Only after this could the chariot continue on its way with the governor.

The humiliated pagan took fierce revenge on Saint Proclus. He commanded that Proclus be led out beyond the city, tied to a pillar and shot with arrows. The soldiers, leading Saint Proclus to execution, told him to give in and save his life, but the saint said that they should follow their orders.

Along the way to the place of execution, they met Hilarion, the nephew of Saint Proclus, who with tears embraced his uncle and also confessed himself a Christian. The soldiers seized him, and he was thrown into prison. The holy Martyr Proclus prayed for his tormentors and surrendered his soul to God beneath a hail of arrows.

Saint Hilarion was brought to trial and, with the same courage as Saint Proclus, confessed himself a Christian. After tortures he was sentenced to death. They tied the martyr's hands and dragged him by his feet through the city, wounded and bloody, and then they beheaded him three days after the death of his uncle, the holy Martyr Proclus. Christians buried them together in a single grave.

Re-Opening Plan: Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church (May 19, 2020)
Timing of the opening:

We are under church, city, state, and federal requirements with **NO DATE** or **TIME** to open our church. We await, especially, our local authorities.

Required regular cleaning of the church nave and altar:

Follow CDC guidelines, cleaning after every service. There should be no veneration of icons, crosses, the chalice, or the priest's hand. We can use a blend of our coffee hour crews and others for cleaning. This is not a one or two-person job. The altar will be cleaned after all services by the priest, the deacon, the sacristan, and altar servers. The nave, the narthex, and the choir loft will also be cleaned after each service.

List of regular and guest participants in services:

This could be difficult but Father Mark is generating a list with all parish members, their function, and their status (age, med. condition, and such). Due to privacy, this **WILL NOT** be published for the parish. He believes that the vast majority of our parishioners will fit into the first tier, permitted to go to all services. There is a small minority that will be in the second tier right now due to age mostly.

**As Rector, he is going to recommend to the Archbishop that the age requirement be waived because it is arbitrary in our parish life. We have no parishioners in nursing homes, the hospital, symptoms of the virus, so we can be more flexible. However, coming to church is voluntary. Some folks may desire to wait for various reasons. They will not be judged for caution.*

Other Liturgical and Sacramental events:

The priest may now visit none virus parishioners at home.

We will be restarting weekly Saturday Vespers on Saturday, May 23, 2020. This is **NOT OPEN** to anyone. Father Mark will email or call the parishioners that can attend. If you **DO NOT** receive an email or call, you **ARE NOT** permitted to attend.

Baptisms, Full Marriages, Chrismation's, and Funerals in the church are still **Prohibited!**

Streaming services and Education:

Streaming services will continue indefinitely. We have an IT group that is working on new equipment. The monthly bible study will be zoomed, along with virtual coffee hour. Our Adult Education classes are now weekly. They are available on our Facebook and our website. The church school has had one zooming class so far and planning another very soon.

Other Mandatory items from the Archbishop:

Masks are required for everyone excluding altar servers and choir.

The social distance must be maintained and will be marked at 6 feet.

It is possible because of the size of our building to have about 30 folks in the nave and then add choir members and altar servers. This will be about 50 spaces. Families may sit together.

The choir will need to go back to the front of the nave. (**Father Mark is trying to talk to the Archbishop about this requirement. If it changes, we will let you know.*)

The canonical method of receiving communion will remain the same.

Practical matters:

We have usually every Liturgy two folks that stand in the narthex. They will become our door wardens and regulate masks and temperatures.

We have 200 masks and will disturb those who don't have any. If you do have one, please make sure you bring it with you to church.

We have purchased a thermometer and our door wardens will be taking everyone's temperature when they arrive. As per the CDC, a person is considered to have a fever when he or she has a measured temperate of 100.4° F (38° C) or greater.

If your temperature is above the 100.4° F (38° C) or greater, you will be asked to **NOT** attend for the safety of others.

Coffee Hour **WILL NOT** resume until further notice. . **[RESUMED ON SUNDAY, JULY 5]!**

In addition, the following will also be applied during church services:

Community candles will be on the candle stands and lit prior to liturgy to reduce movement of parishioners within the church. Please leave any candle donations in the basket near the candle desk. Also, please identify the donation is for candles and if you choose, record who you are praying for by writing the names on the candle

No collection/donation baskets will be passed and used. Please leave your offering in the basket near the candle desk in the vestibule.